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**Abstract :** California and Japanese Marine Mammal Center work together to produce educational programs and workshops of conservation for marine mammal in Japan from 1994. We report on the initiation of a network to respond to livestranding and entangled marine mammals in Japan. There have been some interesting results from strandings and entangled marine mammals in recent years and on our initial effort. In 2002, 14 live sperm whale(*Physeter macrocephalus*) were reported in Kagoshima by local rescuers who successfully back to the ocean 1 animal of whales. This changed world in Japan. We want to protect the danger species in Japan water include entangled cetacean. We have had success to expand our network with local organizations to collect tissue samples for analysis of pollutants, prey, parasites, and disease.